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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 2450

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, XF, IS

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST ISSUES IN MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY

REF: STATE 108501

AMBASSADOR RAISED ISSUE WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS IBRAHIM AND DISCUSSED POINTS PARAS 8
AND 9 REFTEL IN CONTEXT OF PERIODIC TOUR D'HORIZON ABOUT
DANGER OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY ISSUES.
IBRAHIM EXPRESSED GOJ'S UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION
OF US POSITION WITHIN PARAMETERS BOTH OF JORDAN'S
MODERATE OUTLOOK ON THESE MATTERS AND REQUIREMENTS IT
FACES TO STAY IN STEP WITH FELLOW ARAB STATES ON IMPORTANT
MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. IBRAHIM CONFIRMED REPORT REFTEL THAT
ISRAELI ISSUE WAS NOT IMPORTANT AT RECENT AFRO-ARAB
FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN DAKAR WHERE, ACCORDING TO
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HIM, AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTRIES LIKE IVORY

COAST AND TANZANIA ARGUED AMONG AFRICANS TO MINIMIZE
INTRUSION OF ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE INTO CONFERENCE.
SYRIANS, TOO, WERE RELAXED ON ISSUE IN DAKAR, IBRAHIM
ADDED. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT ATTENTION THE
FORTHCOMING ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS
WOULD GIVE TO MATTER AND THAT TO SOME EXTENT IT
DEPENDS ON WHETHER SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAISED
QUESTION. IBRAHIM IMPLIED SOME CONSIDERATION (BUT NOT
VERY MUCH AT PRESENT) APPARENTLY IS BEING GIVEN TO
POSSIBLE ARAB HEADS OF STATE MEETING AT NAC AT COLOMBO,
SRI LANKA.
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